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C O N F I D E N T I A L LA PAZ 0146

PANAMA FOR RSS AND RTC

ASUNCION FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: COM FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE

REF: (A) STATE 302762 (B) LA PAZ 7931 (C) LA PAZ 8811 (D) LA PAZ 9428
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1. THE EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERED DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION BUT
CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT COM ARMORED CAR SHOULD REMAIN AT LA PAZ.

2. WHILE VEHICLE IS 1971 VINTAGE, REPAIR WORK COMPLETED MID-76
BE SEABEE PERSONNEL AND MAINTENANCE BY EMBASSY HAVE BEEN EXTEN-
SIVE AND VEHICLE IS IN EXCELLENT SHAPE FOR ITS AGE. DURING
RECENT VISIT BY RSO, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION WAS DISCUSSED
WITH HIM AND HE RODE AROUND CITY IN VEHICLE. HE CONCURS WITH
EMBASSY THAT VEHICLE SHOULD REMAIN IN LA PAZ AND THAT
WINDSHIELD SHOULD BE REPLACED. IF WINDSHIELD REPLACED, EMBASSY
BELIEVES THIS CAR WOULD BE GOOD FOR AT LEAST ONE AND POSSIBLY
TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AT POST.

3. WHILE CURRENT LOCAL POLITICAL AMBIANCE IS STABLE AND WE
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KNOW OF NO OVERT OR COVERT THREATS AGAINST AMBASSADOR,
TURBULENT HISTORY OF BOLIVIA COUPLED WITH RECENT ARRESTS
OF ARGENTINE/URUGUAY TERRORIST TYPES IN BOLIVIA CONVINCE
US OF THE NEED FOR KEEPING THIS VEHICLE AT POST. THERE IS NOT
ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE THAT AT ANY MOMENT THE RELATIVELY CALM
SITUATION IN BOLIVIA COULD NOT CHANGE DRASTICALLY FOR THE WORSE.
THE AMBASSADOR USES THE ARMORED VEHICLE CONSTANTLY AND THIS

IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT IN LA PAZ. IT WOULD BECOME QUICKLY
KNOWN AND COULD BECOME AN INVITATION TO TERRORIST ATTEMPTS
SHOULD THIS VEHICLE BE WITHDRAWN.

5. BOTH PSO AND RSO ARE OF THE OPINION THAT ARMORED CAR SHOULD
REMAIN IN LA PAZ AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. WE RECOMMEND THAT
DEPARTMENT OBTAIN REPLACEMENT ARMORED WINDSHIELD.
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